

EFFECTIVE

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SUBJECTS

1. FOM 722-11 interim bulletin information regarding consent for psychotropic medications has been added to policy.
2. FOM 903-3 interim bulletin information regarding payment for foster family care has been added to policy.

1) FOM 722-11

See interim policy bulletin 2009-004.

Delegation of Parental Consent

The foster care (FC) worker or the supervisor may give written consent for psychotropic medications without contacting the MCI superintendent. A copy of consent must be filed in the case file, along with documentation within the child's DHS 221, Medical Passport.

2) FOM 903-3

See interim policy bulletin 2009-003.

Determination of Care Supplements

The receipt of Social Security Income (SSI) benefits by a ward requires DOC assessments. When a determination of care supplement is due to a physical or mental disability, screen the youth for SSI eligibility; see FOM 902-10, SSI Benefits Determination.

Justify the continuation of the level for a determination of care on the DHS-470, DHS 470-A, or DHS-1945. Since the DOC rate is based on the extraordinary care required of the foster care provider, all tasks and additional expenses must be documented in detail under the caregiver activities section of the SWSS-FAJ report, Children's Foster Care Parent Agency Treatment Plan and Service Agreement.

As part of the re-determination of the funding source eligibility (every six months) an assessment of the need for a DOC supplement is required for every child age 0-18 regardless of the initial assessment not warranting a DOC.

Determination of Care-Above Level III

DOC supplement requests above level III require child welfare field operations manager approval. Approval must be based on the results of the DHS-470, DHS-470-A or DHS-1945, and a description of the child's specific problems which generated the request.

Administrative Review Process

If the foster care provider or the agency disagrees with the level of care determination, an administrative review process may be initiated within 30 calendar days of the decision. The entire process is outlined for the local DHS office and child placing agency including who submits the new DHS forms, how long the Federal Compliance office has to review and what to do if the request is denied or granted.

Reason: The following interim policy bulletins were released. Corresponding manual items are revised and included in this release:

FOB 2009-003; Foster Care Policy Bulletin.

FOB 2009-004; Consent for Psychotropic Medications Interim Bulletin.

**MANUAL
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Changed Items (content changes) ...

FOM 722-11

FOM 903-3